

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC



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**TOWN OFFICERS.**

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**Selectmen and Overseers of Poor**

Homer R. Sargent . . . . . George B. Crofut  
Ernest W. Haskell

**Assessors**

Oliver W. Jordan . . . . . Term expires 1922  
Herbert N. Hayes . . . . . Term expires 1923  
Frank E. Bartlett . . . . . Term expires 1924

**Town Clerk**

Clifton B. Heath

**Town Treasurer**

Frank E. Walker

**Auditor**

J. Chase Pease

**Collector of Taxes**

Fred W. George

**Water Commissioners**

Willis H. Scott . . . . . Term expires 1922  
Warren A. Bailey . . . . . Term expires 1923  
George T. Walker . . . . . Term expires 1924

**Municipal Light Board**

Willis H. Scott . . . . . Term expires 1922  
Warren A. Bailey . . . . . Term expires 1923  
George T. Walker . . . . . Term expires 1924

**School Committee**

Fred E. Sweetsir . . . . . Term expires 1922  
F. Leslie Viccaro . . . . . Term expires 1923  
Willard T. Kelly . . . . . Term expires 1924

**Trustees of Cemeteries**

Richard A. Sargent.....Term expires 1922  
 Homer R. Sargent.....Term expires 1923  
 Clarence O. Libby.....Term expires 1924

**Trustees of Public Library**

Walter L. Chaloner.....Term expires 1922  
 Thomas H. Hoyt.....Term expires 1922  
 Herbert O. Delano.....Term expires 1923  
 Frank E. Walker.....Term expires 1923  
 Laura R. Jewell.....Term expires 1924  
 Albert P. Wadleigh.....Term expires 1924

**Trustees of Kimball Park**

Walter L. Chaloner.....Term expires 1922  
 Fred B. Follansbee.....Term expires 1923  
 Richard A. Sargent.....Term expires 1924

**Registrars of Voters**

Clifton B. Heath	J. H. Parker Thornell
Charles A. Noyes	Isaac A. Williams

**Constables**

James P. Donahue	Leon L. Dow
Dane Tebbetts	

**Inspector of Animals**

William M. Pettigrew

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

George L. Crouse

**Inspector of Wires**

Warren A. Bailey

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

A. Burleigh Sawyer

**Tree Warden and Moth Supt.**

Charles R. Ford

**Forest Warden**

Charles R. Ford



## TOWN REPORT

**Burial Agent**

John E. Bean

**Fish Warden**

James F. Pease

**Moderator**

Clarence O. Libby

**Sworn Weighers**

Byron H. Sargent

Alice J. Hoyt

Edward S. Preble

**Engineers of Fire Department**

John W. Grocut

Roswell J. Eaton

**Superintendent of Streets**

Edward F. Goodwin

**APPROPRIATIONS MADE MARCH 7, 1921.**

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Support of poor,	\$4,500 00
Soldiers' relief,	150 00
State aid,	300 00
Fire department,	2,300 00
Forest warden,	100 00
Highways and bridges,	4,000 00
Snow and washouts,	1,000 00
Special for Rocks Bridge,	1,400 00
Sidewalks and crossings,	200 00
Tree warden,	100 00
Public library,	750 00
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00
Cemeteries,	700 00
Water Department:	
Hydrant service,	2,370 00
Water in town buildings,	100 00
Maintenance,	2,149 64
Construction,	100 00
Lighting municipal buildings,	300 00
Lighting streets,	2,507 00
Bonding town officers,	156 50
Suppression of moths,	693 48
Board of health,	1,000 00
Memorial Day:	
Disposal of G. A. R.,	100 00
Disposal of American Legion,	100 00
Insuring town property,	759 08
Repairs on Town Hall, \$200 to be used to properly regulate, light and screen the town clock,	750 00
School Department:	
School committee, superintendent and enforcement of law,	1,000 00

Salaries for school teachers,	15,000 00
Books and supplies,	1,200 00
Janitors, cleaning and fuel,	2,800 00
Repairs,	1,000 00
Transportation,	1,500 00
Tuition,	250 00
Sundries and improvements,	500 00
Health of school children,	250 00
Town Officers:	
Chairman of selectmen and overseer of poor,	400 00
Second selectman and overseer of poor,	250 00
Third selectman and overseer of poor,	200 00
Board of assessors,	700 00
Town clerk,	200 00
Town treasurer,	250 00
Tax collector,	500 00
Registrars,	110 00
Chief of police,	400 00
Special police,	300 00
Auditor,	75 00
Salaries of fire engineers,	200 00
Night watchman,	1,600 00
Election officers,	200 00
Inspector of animals,	99 99
Inspector of slaughtering,	75 00
Inspector of wiring,	75 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	100 00
Moderator, \$10 for annual meeting,	15 00

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Cutting bushes,	100 00
Fire department special,	350 00
Lake Attitash,	300 00
Cemetery fence,	75 00
Main Street repairs 1919,	700 00



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The selectmen and overseers of poor of the Town of Merrimac herein submit their annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1921.

The following lists show the sums paid by the treasurer as authorized by our warrants:

### OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Aid rendered, cash,	\$251 00
Board and nursing,	2,676 62
Food,	897 02
Fuel,	462 00
Clothing,	156 58
Rent,	358 00
Medical supplies,	213 26
Medical attendance,	620 50
Hospital expense,	620 14
Burials,	120 00
Nursing,	113 00
Transportation,	2 14
Miscellaneous,	12 00
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	\$6,502 26

### Received and due:

From the state,	\$196 00	
From cities and towns,	179 48	
From individuals,	207 17	
	<hr/>	582 65
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		\$5,919 61

### MOTHERS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

Medical attendance,	\$62 50
Aid rendered, cash,	732 00
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	\$794 50

## Received and due:

From the state,	\$264 83	
From the city of Haverhill,	529 67	
From individuals,	36 00	
	<hr/>	830 50

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Fuel,	\$69 40	
Cash,	163 00	
Medical attendance,	3 50	
Town water,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$241 90

## REPAIRING SARGENT HALL AND CLOCK.

Fire escape,	\$360 00	
Painting,	197 46	
Repairs on tower,	15 93	
Glass and setting,	18 46	
Plumbing repairs,	7 20	
Supplies,	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$614 30
Wiring and fixtures of clock,	\$150 00	
Carpenter's expense on clock faces,	6 40	
	<hr/>	156 40
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		\$770 70

## MEMORIAL DAY.

John E. Bean, Q. M., G. A. R. Post,	\$100 00	
Treasurer American Legion Post,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Tile,	\$563 78	
Payrolls,	227 42	
Mason work and stock,	16 89	
Dog burial,	1 00	
Grading,	5 00	

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Nursing,	200 00
Freight,	224 22
Supplies,	5 64
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	\$1,243 95
Received from individuals,	265 00
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	\$978 95

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Fuel,	\$304 33
Light supplies,	87 00
Telephone,	51 86
Printing town reports,	140 60
Janitor town hall,	121 50
Legal services,	146 50
Transportation,	165 83
Postage, rental, supplies,	73 85
Printing and supplies,	431 27
Incidentals,	260 24
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	\$1,782 98

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Merrimac Savings Bank, note No. 5,	\$8,000 00
Newburyport Inst. Sav.,	10,000 00
Newburyport Inst. Sav.,	15,000 00
Merrimac Sav. Bank, Centre School note,	400 00
Merrimac Sav. Bank, School and Broad Streets note,	800 00
Merrimac Sav. Bank, Main Street note,	500 00
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	\$34,700 00
Merrimac Sav. Bank, interest,	73 00
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	\$34,773 00

## MAIN STREET REPAIRS, 1919.

Use and expense of steam roller,	\$700 00
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## KIMBALL PARK.

Cash advances,	\$61 40
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Warren A. Bailey, wire inspector,	\$75 00
Homer R. Sargent, 1920 balance,	50 00
Homer R. Sargent, selectman,	270 83
James F. Pease, 1920 balance,	50 00
George B. Crofut, 1920 balance,	33 33
George B. Crofut, selectman,	270 83
Ernest W. Haskell, selectman,	166 67
Frank E. Walker, 1920 balance,	65 00
Frank E. Walker, treasurer,	195 00
Clifton B. Heath, 1920 balance,	50 00
Clifton B. Heath, town clerk,	150 00
Willis H. Scott, 1920 balance,	116 33
Frank E. Bartlett, 1920 balance,	41 33
Frank E. Bartlett, assessor,	250 00
Herbert N. Hayes, 1920 balance,	116 33
Herbert N. Hayes, assessor,	250 00
Oliver W. Jordan, assessor,	100 00
Fred W. George, collector,	559 86
A. Ramond Waterhouse, auditor,	75 00
Frank F. Philbrick, est. registrar,	25 00
Clifton B. Heath, clerk of registrars,	34 58
Isaac A. Williams, registrar,	50 00
J. H. Parker Thornell, registrar,	50 00
Charles A. Noyes, registrar,	12 50
Charles E. Welch, inspector of animals,	25 00
Charles E. Welch, inspector of slaughtering,	43 75
A. Burleigh Sawyer, sealer weights and measures,	75 00
E. S. McKay, sealer weights and measures, 1920,	100 00
C. O. Libby, moderator,	25 00

## POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

James P. Donahue, 1920 balance,	\$169 51
James P. Donahue, chief and night watch,	1,998 74

## SPECIAL POLICE.

Frank H. Hargraves,	\$26 20
Leon L. Dow,	114 00



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Fred O. Bailey, 1920 balance,	8 50
Dane Tebbetts,	61 60
Oran Burke,	11 00
C. O. Libby,	55 60
Peter McDonald,	2 00
James F. Pease,	2 00
George B. Crofut,	1 00
Charles W. Tarbox,	4 00
James P. Donahue, expense,	10 00
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	\$296 90

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

Gladys V. Crane,	\$16 00
Isabel C. Emery,	6 00
Sarah E. Leavitt,	5 00
John J. Minahan,	3 00
Chas. E. Welch,	8 00
Clifton B. Heath,	3 00
Charles A. Noyes,	8 00
Dennis F. Donahue,	5 00
Frank L. Thorn,	8 00
Fred P. Clement,	8 00
Henry M. Goodwin,	8 00
Harold A. Eastman,	8 00
Clifford R. Howe,	11 00
Leon S. Morrison,	5 00
John K. Sargent,	5 00
Fred W. Blanchard,	8 00
Harold Whiting,	8 00
A. F. Mahoney,	5 00
George L. Crouse,	5 00
Charles E. Hoyt,	5 00
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	\$138 00

## MOTH DEPARTMENT.

Charles R. Ford, payrolls,	\$1,419 75
Charles R. Ford, schedules,	257 05
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	\$1,676 80



## TREE WARDEN.

Payrolls,	\$245 50
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## FOREST WARDEN.

Daniel E. Hargraves, firemen's payrolls,	\$77 00.
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## CUTTING BUSHES ON HIGHWAYS.

Charles R. Ford, payrolls,	\$95 00
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## STATE AID.

State aid,	\$724 00
German war aid,	360 00
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	\$1,084 00

## BONDING TOWN OFFICERS.

Tax collector,	\$100 00
Treasurer,	50 00
Town clerk,	4 00
Wire inspector,	2 50
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	\$156 50

## INSURANCE.

Fire insurance,	\$752 93
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## MAINTENANCE ROCKS BRIDGE.

Treasurer Essex County,	\$393 61
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's salary,	\$243 75
Heating,	50 00
Printing,	6 00
Books and periodicals,	427 77
Supplies and repairs,	15 52
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	\$743 04

## CEMETERIES.

Payrolls,	\$1,083 78
Supplies and tools,	12 50

Stone work on perpetual care lots,	113 25
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	\$1,209 53
Received perpetual care funds,	341 31
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	\$868 22

## LAKE ATTITASH ROAD.

Tile,	\$23 94
Laying out,	17 50
Payrolls,	189 00
C. basins,	33 15
Gratings,	23 00
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	\$286 59

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Supplies,	\$176 91
Payrolls,	2,991 95
Tar,	61 25
Road grader,	125 00
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	\$3,355 11

## Mill Street Bridge.

T. Watkins, contractor,	\$250 00
Lumber,	78 23
Iron rails,	10 00
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	338 23
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	\$3,793 34

## SNOW AND WASHOUTS.

Payrolls,	\$675 81
Snow plow,	85 00
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	\$760 81

## SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Haverhill Construction Co.,	\$343 40
Due from abutters,	160 00
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	\$183 40

## TAXES.

**Paid.**

County tax,	\$3,698 75
State tax,	5,040 00
Special State tax,	237 60
National bank tax,	1,092 02
Highway tax,	223 00
Municipal light plant,	8 40
Civilian war poll tax,	1,848 00
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	\$12,147 77

**Received From State.**

Corporation tax, public service,	\$157 29
Corporation tax, business,	325 26
Income tax, 1921,	1,092 02
National bank tax,	64 10
Temporary aid,	777 50
State aid,	696 00
Soldiers' exemption,	213 51
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	\$3,325 68

## BALANCE SHEET.

**Selectmen's Warrants.**

	Received and Due	Expended
Poor,	\$ 5,082 65	\$ 6,502 26
Mothers' aid,	830 50	794 50
Soldiers' relief,	150 00	241 90
Highways, bridges, etc.,	5,000 00	4,454 15
Sidewalks and crossings,	360 00	343 40
Repairing Sargent hall and clock,	750 00	770 70
Main Street repairs, 1919,	700 00	700 00
Kimball park,	61 40	61 40
Town officers,	5,549 00	5,927 49
Moth department,	1,676 80	1,676 80
Tree warden,	100 00	245 50
Forest warden,	100 00	77 00
State aid,	724 00	724 00

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State aid German war,	360 00	360 00
Bonding town officers,	156 50	156 50
Memorial day,	200 00	200 00
Notes and interest,	35,686 40	34,773 00
Cemeteries,	1,044 31	1,209 53
Public library,	750 00	743 04
Maintenance Rocks bridge,	1,400 00	393 61
Board of health,	1,265 00	1,243 95
Taxes,	12,147 77	12,147 77
Insurance,	752 98	752 98
Miscellaneous,	1,672 84	1,782 98
Cutting bushes,	100 00	95 00
Lake Attitash road,	300 00	286 59
Cemetery fence,	75 00	72 71
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	\$76,995 15	\$76,732 76
Unexpended balance,		262 39
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		\$76,995 15

## RESERVE FUND.

Corrected balance Jan. 1, 1921,		\$1,889 13
Amount from balance sheet of 1921,		262 39
Overlay, 1921,		1,654 00
December assessment,		190 32
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		\$3,995 84
Abatements, 1921,	\$797 73	
Transfer to water department,	1,649 15	
	<hr/>	2,446 88
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		\$1,548 96
Unexpended balances of school and fire depts.,		1,816 89
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Balance January 1, 1922,		\$3,365 85

HOMER R. SARGENT,  
 GEORGE B. CROFUT,  
 ERNEST W. HASKELL,

Selectmen.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac :

I have audited the books of accounts of the Assessors, Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, School, Fire, Water and Light Departments and Treasurer, and find them to be correct.

All receipts have been accounted for and disbursements sustained by warrants issued by the several departments, approved by the Selectmen, and paid by the Town Treasurer as follows :

Selectmen,	\$70,645 72	Fire,	2,704 37
School,	21,828 74	Light,	17,518 86
Water,		15,613 58	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. PEASE, Auditor.



### TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Frank E. Walker, Treasurer, in account with the  
Town of Merrimac from January 1, 1921.

#### RECEIPTS

##### General Account

Balance on deposit Jan. 1, 1921,	\$11,549 09
F. W. George, collector of taxes, taxes,	69,111 35
Interest,	740 98
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	\$81,401 42

Treasurer of the Commonwealth:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Temporary aid,	\$777 50
Income tax 1918,	32 00
Income tax 1919,	108 00
Income tax 1920,	540 00
Income tax 1921,	180 00
Corporation tax, domestic,	2,138 75
Corporation tax, foreign,	9 01
Corporation tax, public services,	157 29
Corporation tax, public ser- vices, 1921,	6 51
Domestic tax interest,	1,613 85
Civilian poll tax,	39 00
Gypsy moths,	273 99
Mothers with dependent chil- dren,	104 33
Inspector of animals.	25 00
Transportation paupers,	135 00
Income 1921 tax, general pur- poses,	1,048 66
National bank tax,	64 10
Military aid,	30 00

State aid,	666 00	
Soldiers' exemption,	213 51	
	<hr/>	\$8,162 50
Newburyport Institution of Sav-		
ings,	\$15,000 00	
C. D. Parker & Co. Inc., note,	10,000 00	
First Nat. Bank, interest on de-		
posit,	162 45	
	<hr/>	\$25,162 45
Oscar T. Gove, rebate on locks, etc.,		
School Dept.,	\$2 00	
Chief of Police Donahue, reimburse-		
ment,	1 00	
Dance licenses,	8 00	
Geo. A. Titcomb, license, slaugh-		
tering,	25 00	
Moses Blotner, license, junk,	25 00	
Moving picture license,	25 00	
Total other licenses,	21 00	
	<hr/>	107 00
Homer Sargent and F. E. Walker,		
account of poor,	\$130 00	
Fred A. Brown, clerk Second Dis-		
trict Court fines, account Nov.		
1920,	60 00	
Clerk Second District Court, fines		
Dec., 1920,	165 00	
Earl M. Nelson, clerk Second Dis-		
trict Court, fines 1921,	332 00	
H. N. Knox, Supt. Schools, sale of		
supplies,	5 30	
Treasurer Essex County, rebate dog		
tax 1920,	91 20	
City of Haverhill, account of poor,	286 61	
J. B. Judkins Co., crushed stone,	14 10	
Miscellaneous reimbursement,	216 00	
Sale of spraying material,	32 50	
Arthur Stewart, reimbursement,	11 17	
Oxley's reimbursement,	24 37	

Stephen and Lydia Kennett, reimbursement,	12 00	
Leslie Viccaro, sale of grass, School Dept.,	1 00	
Myrtle J. Stevens, reimbursement,	36 00	
Homer Sargent, taxes from Louis D. Benedict,	101 00	
Geo. Preble for sewerage,	265 00	
	<hr/>	1,783 25

Oxley reimbursement,	\$2 00	
Sale of tile,	14 08	
City of Haverhill, mothers' aid,	233 33	
Mr. Cronin, reimbursement,	41 00	
C. O. Libby, reimbursement,	21 40	
Wm. Heath, reimbursement,	25 00	
A. B. Sawyer, sealer of weights and measures,	16 03	
Merrimac First Nat. Bank, rent,	300 00	
On account F. C. Grant, treasurer,	18 01	
Rent, Water and Light Dept.,	168 00	
Town of Merrimac Light Dept.,		
State assessment,	8 40	
H. N. Knox, Supt., exchange credit on typewriter,	31 00	
Town of West Newbury, soldiers' relief reimbursement,	789 57	
Susie Sayre, Merrimac library fines and cards,	41 81	
C. O. Libby, perpetual care of burial lots, reimbursement,	310 31	
C. O. Libby, care of private burial lots,	34 00	
F. Hargraves, rent of Sargent Hall,	66 00	
Town of Amesbury, poor department,	153 48	
	<hr/>	2,273 42

School Dept., Treas. Commonwealth:  
Income Mass. School Fund ending  
Dec. 31, 1920, \$2,273 27

Income Mass. Gen. School Fund, '21,	1,965 00	
On acct. School Supt.,	450 00	
Tuition of children,	747 25	
	<hr/>	5,435 52

Light Department:		
Willis H. Scott, collector,	\$17,360 75	
Water Department:		
Willis H. Scott, collector,	7,406 52	
Water Dept. settlement order,	1,283 42	
	<hr/>	26,050 69
Total receipts,		<hr/> \$150,376 25

### Expenditures

Treasurer Commonwealth:		
State tax,	\$5,040 00	
Special state tax,	237 60	
National bank tax,	1,092 02	
Repairs State highway,	223 00	
Municipal light plant,	8 40	
Civilian war tax,	1,848 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,449 02
State and German aid,	\$1,090 00	
Centre Street note,	400 00	
School and Broad Street notes,	800 00	
Main Street note,	500 00	
Interest and discount,	974 51	
Miscellaneous selectmen's warrants,	4,874 31	
Fire Dept. warrants,	2,704 37	
Merrimac Savings Bank note,	8,000 00	
Newburyport Inst. of Savings,	10,000 00	
Newburyport Inst. of Savings,	15,000 00	
School Dept.:		
Committee warrants,	21,828 74	
Light Dept. warrants,	16,898 86	
Bond,	500 00	
Interest,	120 00	
Water Dept. warrants,	10,013 58	
Bond,	3,500 00	
Note,	350 00	



Interest,	1,750 00
Total expenditures,	\$135,304 36
Balance cash on deposit First Nat. Bank,	\$15,071 89

## DISCOUNT AND INTEREST GENERAL ACCOUNT

## Receipts

First Nat. Bank, interest on deposit,	\$162 39
F. W. George, collector, interest on taxes,	740 38
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	\$903 37

## Payments

Interest on Centre School notes,	\$16 00
Interest on School and Broad Street notes,	32 00
Interest on Main Street notes,	25 00
Discount on Inst. of Savings, Newburyport, note,	604 84
Discount on C. D. Parker & Co. Inc. note,	296 67
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Net payment,	\$974 51

## Notes Issued Anticipation of Revenue

Institution of Savings, Newburyport,	\$15,000 00
C. D. Parker & Co. Inc.,	10,000 00

## STATEMENT OF THE FUNDED DEBT, DEC. 31, 1921

	Pd. During Year	Dec. 31, '21	Int. Paid
Water bonds at 4% ma- turing \$3,500 yearly to July 15, 1932 . . . . .	\$42,000	\$3,500	\$38,500
Water notes at 4% ma- turing \$350 yearly to July 15, 1925 . . . . .	1,750	350	1,400
Electric light bonds at 4% maturing \$500.00 yearly to July 15, 1926	3,000	500	2,500
			120



Centre School notes at 4% maturing \$400.00 yearly to Sept. 1, 1921	400	400	16
School and Broad Street notes maturing \$800 yearly to Sept. 1, 1921	800	800	32
Main St. notes at 5% maturing \$500 yearly to Dec. 24, 1921 . . . . .	500	500	25
Totals . . . . .	\$48,450	\$6,050	\$42,400
Amount of the funded debt Dec. 31, 1921.	\$42,400		

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

	Amount	Int. for Year	Expended	Unexpended Interest
M. E. Sargent . . . . \$	100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 10.55
Eliza M. Sawyer . .	114.00	2.32		6.68
Emily S. Goodwin	250.00	6.74	81.06	23.76
John L. and Sophia A. Merrill . . . . .	200.00	11.66	5.00	63.61
Moses Goodrich . .	100.00	5.04	5.50	10.65
W. A. Paine . . . . .	50.00	2.54	3.00	6.07
J. E. Prescott . . . .	125.00	6.19	5.50	12.40
Rhoda S. Poor and D. J. P. . . . .	300.00	17.53	5.50	97.42
Rhoda S. Poor (F. Sargent) . . . . .	200.00	11.09	5.50	49.65
Otis W. Little . . . .	200.00	10.15	5.50	27.70
Susan G. Sargent . .	75.00	3.54	5.00	1.64
Marietta B. Sar- gent . . . . .	250.00	15.06	5.50	90.70
Caroline S. Noyes .	100.00	5.27	5.50	16.00
Addeline Whittier	100.00	5.43	3.50	21.47
J. Warren Sargent	100.00	4.82	5.00	6.22
Ruth C. Rowell . . .	200.00	11.70	5.50	64.00
Sarah A. Pattee (Locust Grove) .	175.00	9.61	5.50	41.05

Sarah A. Pattee (Church St.) ...	125.00	6.37	5.00	16.81
I. B. Little.....	337.87	19.94	7.50	112.98
John Bancroft ...	50.00	2.28	2.75	0.26
Aaron Bancroft' ..	50.00	2.28	2.75	0.26
Thomas D. Nelson	150.00	9.16	6.00	54.73
Mabel Jones Shep- ardson .....	100.00	4.71	5.50	2.91
Henry E. Crosby..	50.00	3.33	1.50	25.19
A. Linda Little...	150.00	7.57	6.00	18.23
Mrs. Gilman H. Hoyt .....	100.00	4.95	5.00	9.07
Etta H. Colby ....	100.00	4.59	5.00	1.05
Phineas Chase ....	100.00	4.73	5.50	3.27
Chas. A. Bridges..	100.00	4.93	5.00	8.63
Louise Clement ...	100.00	5.18	5.00	14.41
Carrie C. Noyes..	150.00	7.87	5.50	25.65
W. O. Smiley.....	100.00	4.77	5.00	5.35
Hattie and Carrie P. Baxter .....	100.00	4.91	5.00	8.45
Parmelia Trefethen	100.00	5.04	4.50	11.92
Ida E. Stevens....	125.00	6.19	5.50	17.91
Mary Ann Chase..	100.00	4.77	4.80	5.31
Stuart Chase and Sargent .....	150.00	7.36	5.50	14.09
Charles A. Noyes..	75.00	3.60	3.50	4.35
Mason W. R. Downing .....	125.00	6.10	5.50	10.11
William Gilday ..	100.00	4.77	5.00	5.31
Moses Stevens ...	100.00	4.77	5.00	5.31
Elizabeth M. Cooper .....	100.00	4.77	5.00	5.04
Amos Weed .....	100.00	5.25	2.50	18.62
E. Fanny Bradley	100.00	4.71	5.00	3.49
Porter Sargent ..	150.00	7.61	5.50	19.66
Melville S. Gibbs..	50.00	2.32	3.00	0.53
Addie S. Sawyer..	100.00	4.66	5.50	1.93
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	4.68	4.00	4.11

Heirs of A. R.				
Kimball .....	100.00	4.93	2.50	11.07
George E. Ricker.	100.00	4.71	5.00	3.43
Alfred G. Wells..	100.00	4.68	4.00	3.85
Stephen C. Parsons .....	200.00	9.57	5.50	14.47
Alfred H. Colby..	100.00	4.77	5.00	5.05
Frank Ward .....	200.00	9.43	5.50	11.37
D. A. Moulton....	100.00	4.75	4.00	6.47
S. A. Pease.....	150.00	7.11	5.50	8.43
Geo. W. and Olive				
O. Judkins ..	150.00	7.05	5.00	7.14
Mary Abby Hoyt.	200.00	9.09	4.00	5.09
W. D. Sargent ...	200.00	8.79	3.50	7.17
A. E. Porter.....	150.00	6.93	3.00	6.75
Everett Carleton .	100.00	4.61	4.50	1.99
Wm. H. Young....	100.00	4.55	4.00	0.55
Geo S. Sargent...	100.00	4.84	4.50	7.23
Donald MacDea-				
mid .....	150.00	6.82	3.00	4.39
Warren E Wallace	100.00	1.88	1.88	0.00
Lilla P. Laraway.	100.00	2.25	2.25	0.00
Willard D. Sargent	50.00	1.51	1.50	0.01
Willard D. Sargent	50.00	1.51	1.50	0.01
Thos. Clement ...	75.00	1.13	1.13	0.00
Emma P. Emerson	100.00	0.75	0.75	0.00
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	\$8,851.87	\$419.52	\$381.87	\$1,088.99

## PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUND.

Jan. 9, 1922

A. E. Goodwin..\$	200.00	\$ 10.73	\$ 0.00	\$ 47.01
Deposited by				
transfer .....	73.69			
James Whittier ..	400.00	23.31	73.69	62.20

## KIMBALL PARK TRUST FUND.

Judith W. Kimball	1,000.00	45.66		49.21
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## ELECTRIC LIGHT RESERVE FUND.

Amount January 1, 1921,	\$1,744 18
Interest one year,	79 36
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	\$1,823 44

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND.

Amount Jan. 1, 1921,	\$595 22
Interest one year,	27 07
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	\$622 29

## CHARLES H. DAVIS GUARANTY FUND.

Amount Jan. 1, 1921,	\$518 09
Interest one year,	23 56
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	\$541 65

All of the above funds are on deposit in the Merri-  
mac Savings Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. WALKER, Treasurer.



### COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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Fred W. George in account with the Town of Merri-  
mac, Mass.

#### Dr.

To 1920 tax list and additions,	\$66,152 55
To collected since 1920 report,	6,520 04
To uncollected last report,	10,849 92
To interest received,	740 98

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By cash paid town treasurer,	\$62,755 76
By property taken at Attitash Park,	27 88
By abatements,	423 88
By abatements since Dec. 31st,	495 26
By uncollected resident 1919,	62 70
By uncollected non-resident 1919,	143 36
By uncollected resident 1920,	2,590 83
By uncollected non-resident 1920,	570 81
By uncollected resident 1921,	6,464 76
By uncollected non-resident 1921,	1,656 30
By late assessments,	57 70
By Attitash Park, 1919-1920,	134 27
By Attitash Park, 1921,	336 92
Collected since Dec. 31, 1921,	8,543 06

#### UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES FOR 1919

Bonford, John, bal.,	\$11 40
Howe, Nathaniel,	37 05
Sargent, Susan and heirs dev.,	14 25

#### UNCOLLECTED NON-RESIDENT TAXES FOR 1919

Carvel, Ezekiel,	\$2 85
Rand, Frank N., bal.,	112 58
Woodburn, Warren T.,	27 93



## UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES FOR 1920

Bailey, Jas. W.,	\$13 00
Battis, Elmer E., bal.,	62 76
Davis, Herman F., bal.,	1,139 70
Davis, Harriet J.,	492 00
Droulette, Armoine,	6 28
Eastern Hard Fibre,	306 10
Eastmen, Chas. F., bal.,	21 65
Howe, Nathaniel L.,	41 60
Howieson, Rufus E., bal.,	6 00
Kelley, Stephen L., bal.,	69 00
Lake, Warren D., bal.,	7 36
Lennard, Agnes, bal.,	32 60
Peaslee, H. Fred, bal.,	38 08
Moulton, Justin E., bal.,	75 20
Rand, Frank N., bal.,	21 76
Sargent, Ralph H., bal.,	86 57
Sargent, Susan, heirs and dev.,	16 00
Streeter, Willard H., bal.,	48 00
Worcester, Harry W., bal.,	17 28
Worcester, Georgie M., bal.,	99 89

## UNCOLLECTED NON-RESIDENT FOR 1920

Bradley, W. C.,	\$1 60
Carvel, Ezekiel,	3 20
Brickett, Jas. E.,	9 60
Foss, L. D., heirs,	6 72
Gaquin, Ora E., bal.,	29 76
Grimm, Sarah A., bal.,	23 50
Haynes, Cora, bal.,	28 90
Emery, Hatty B., est., bal.,	18 38
Rawson Product Co.,	340 80
Reynolds, Chester,	1 60
Sargent, Charles E.,	36 80
Sheriff, Wm.,	1 60
Weymouth, Warren, heirs and dev.; bal.,	34 05
New England Road Machine Co.,	17 60

## UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES FOR 1921

Aldrich, Geo. L.,	\$50 46
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Arthur, Leslie,	18 60
Bailey, Jas. W.,	13 50
Battis, J. Wm., bal.,	29 80
Battis, Elmer E., bal.,	87 04
Blanchard, Fred W.,	66 20
Blotner, Moses, bal.,	42 24
Bouley, Mary, bal.,	21 00
Bell, J. Stanley,	37 98
Breed, Faye H., bal.,	25 80
Bob's Bakery Inc.,	45 80
Champion, Wm. H.,	5 00
Currier, John E., bal.,	722 44
Davis, Herman W., bal.,	1,305 50
Davis, Harriet J.,	632 48
Deminie, Henry W.,	91 70
Demerritt, Chas. L.,	29 48
Demerritt, Emma,	65 62
Donahue, John B.,	8 40
Donahue, John E., heirs,	51 00
Durgin, Lynford,	44 76
Drolette, Herman,	10 10
Eastmen, Chas. F.,	49 30
Eastmen, Harold,	5 00
Elliott, Laura J., heirs,	58 82
Farquhar, Melvin A.,	47 50
Gould, I. Morrill, bal.,	96 32
Hall, Howard W., bal.,	2 92
Hargraves, Frank H.,	44 76
Harrington, Frank E., bal.,	9 00
Heath, Fred L., bal.,	48 00
Howe, Nathaniel L.,	44 20
Howe, J. Duncan, bal.,	58 20
Humphrey, Jas. Jr., bal.,	13 18
Hume, Aaron, bal.,	24 20
Hutchinson, Oscar H., bal.,	54 26
Hutchins, John,	22 00
Joudrey, Angus P., bal.,	23 90
Kennett, Leforrest,	40 70
Landry, Valmore,	5 00

Laskey, Jos. P. Jr.,	5 00
Macci, Leonti,	20 30
Macci, Ellen,	56 10
McInnis, Geo. A., bal.,	90 20
Merrimac Body Co.,	726 24
Moulton, Justin E., bal.,	101 20
Odionne, Chas. T.,	99 92
Peaslee, H. Fred,	43 46
Poland, Oscar A., bal.,	128 52
Purdy, Geo. B., bal.,	62 90
Rand, Howard B.,	100 20
Redden, Bernard, bal.,	4 00
Riley, Julia,	83 30
Rand Mfg. Co.,	17 00
Sargent, Ralph H.,	174 32
Sargent, Susan, heirs and dev.,	17 00
Smith, Albert Burton,	117 06
Stewart, Chas. W., bal.,	42 60
Streeter, Willard H., heirs,	46 34
Sutherland, Hugh N., bal.,	51 00
Tarbox, Chas. W.,	5 00
Tarbox, Emeline,	34 00
Tibbetts, Chas. W.,	58 70
Upson, Wm. H.,	56 20
Wallace, Ray T.,	18 60
Worcester, Harry,	13 36
Worcester, Georgie M.,	311 68
Woodburn, John I.,	8 40

#### UNCOLLECTED NON-RESIDENT TAXES FOR 1921

Atwood, Newell D.,	\$34 00
Boyd, Jerome,	3 40
Bradley, Wm. C.,	1 70
Brickett, Jas. E.,	10 20
Carvel, Ezekiel,	3 40
Drury, Mary,	8 50
Eastern Hard Fibre,	340 00
L. D. Foss, heirs,	7 14
Gaquin, Ora, bal.,	31 62
Grimm, Sarah A.,	51 88

Jewett, H. B., adms. of H. B. Emery est.,	20 06
Labenski, Andrew,	1 70
Linnehan, John F. and Francis,	62 56
Rawson Product Co.,	362 10
Sargent, Chas. E.,	39 10
Sheriff, Wm. H.,	1 70
Trainor, John,	564 40
Young, Louis,	45 90
Sebastian, Adominski; Wm. Comeau, adm.,	41 82
Kinsman, Clara A.,	25 12

## LATE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1921

Parker, Frederick E.,	47 60
Wentworth, Mary A.,	5 10
Remick, Herbert M.,	5 00

F. W. GEORGE, Collector.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

The Board of Assessors herein submit their annual report for the year 1921.

The amount to be raised for 1921 was made up as follows:

General appropriations,	\$57,035 69
Special town meeting,	1,525 00
Note and interest,	1,846 00
State tax,	5,040 00
State tax, special,	237 60
Highway tax,	223 00
County tax,	2,698 75
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	\$69,606 04

### TAXES AND ESTIMATED INCOME.

Tax on property,	60,455 75
Tax on polls, net,	1,232 00
Corporation tax, public service,	200 00
Corporation tax, business,	2,000 00
Income, schools,	4,804 27
Income tax 1921,	1,418 02
Miscellaneous and court fees,	1,150 00
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	\$71,260 04
Overlay 1921,	\$1,654 00
December Assessment:	
2 polls, net,	\$4 00
Property tax,	186 32
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	190 32
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	\$1,844 32
Abatements 1921,	797 73
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Balance to reserve fund 1922,	\$1,046 59

## STATISTICS FROM THE VALUATION BOOK.

Valuation of real estate,	\$1,506,860 00
Valuation of personal estate,	271,250 00
Valuation of resident bank stock,	17,480 00
Property assessed in December,	5,480 00
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Total valuation,	\$1,801,070 00
Valuation of non-resident bank stock,	\$30,020 00
Valuation of property exempt,	41,000 00
Valuation of property of individuals exempt,	44,680 00
Number of polls assessed,	616
Number of polls assessed in December,	2
Number of persons assessed on property,	928
Number assessed for poll tax only,	279
Number of polls exempt,	110
Number of dwelling houses,	659
Number of horses,	109
Number of cows,	203
Number of sheep,	8
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	91
Number of swine,	0
Number of fowl,	740
Number of acres of land,	4831

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. BARTLETT,  
HERBERT N. HAYES,  
OLIVER W. JORDAN,  
Assessors.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Engineers submit their report for year ending December 31st, 1921.

Number of alarms responded to 17.

Jan. 22. Tel. alarm. Auto fire, East Main Street; total loss.

Jan. 24. Chief's call. Chimney fire; no damage.

Mar. 6. Box 17. Auto fire; slight damage.

Mar. 15. Box 7. Fire in store of Mrs. Frazer; damage \$2,700.

Mar. 21. Tel. alarm. Grass fire; no damage.

Mar. 25. Tel. alarm. Grass fire; no damage.

Apr. 12. Tel. alarm. Brush fire; slight damage.

Apr. 13. Tel. alarm. Auto fire; total loss.

July 3. Two false alarms.

Sept. 1. Box 5. Burning rubbish; no damage.

Sept. 22. Box 23. Fire in barn owned by Albert B. Smith. Building and contents total loss; damage \$1500.

Oct. 25. Chief's call. Auto fire in Amesbury; total loss.

Oct. 27. Two false alarms from Boxes 18 and 21.

Nov. 6. Box 5. Fire in barn and slaughter house of George A. Titcomb. Barn and contents total loss; damage \$4,600.

Nov. 7. Still alarm. Chimney fire; no damage.

Dec. 22. Chief's call. Chimney fire; no damage.

We have at the present time twenty men in Hose Co. No. 1. Engineer and stoker for steamer. We have four members of Hose Co. No. 1 that have special licenses to run auto fire combination. We also have four members in Hose Co. No. 2 at Merrimacport.

We have purchased some new furniture for Hose

Co. No. 2 house. Also new curtains throughout for same.

The hose wagon at the Port is in good condition and equipped with about all that is necessary.

We have been obliged to expend quite a sum of money on our fire alarm system repairing damage caused by the ice storm and while making these repairs we thought it would be cheaper to make some other repairs that were needed and which would have to be done later.

If a company at the Port is going to be maintained there will have to be some repairs made on the building and we feel that our appropriation will necessarily have to be larger this year and we recommend that a sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00) be appropriated for the use of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

#### FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$2,850 00
Salaries,	\$1,504 83	
Paid on 1920 account,	91 44	
Coal,	221 54	
Supplies for Combination No. 1,	164 16	
Insurance on Combination No. 1,	30 00	
Fire alarm system,	474 00	
Horse hire,	25 00	
Repairs on steamer,	46 75	
Furniture and supplies, Hose No. 2,	49 38	
Miscellaneous,	97 27	
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	\$2,704 37	
Unexpended balance,	145 63	
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		\$2,850 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GROCUT, Chief.

ROSWELL J. EATON, 1st Asst.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1921.

Automobile accidents reported,	27
Complaints investigated,	163
Children lost and found,	6
Court fines imposed for use of town,	\$627.00
Value of stolen property recovered,	\$155.00
Number of arrests, males 89, females 3,	92

### Charged as follows:

Assault,	2
Assault and battery,	2
Arrests for out of town officers,	10
Capias,	1
Drunkenness,	20
Disturbance of the peace,	4
Delinquent,	1
Escaped prisoner,	1
Larceny,	2
Malicious mischief,	1
Non-support,	3
Present at unlawful game,	5
Violation of the motor vehicle law,	39
Violation of the liquor law,	1

### Disposed of as follows:

- 1 Assault, fined \$15, paid.
- 1 Assault, discharged.
- 1 Assault and battery, probation.
- 1 Assault and battery, discharged.
- 7 Drunkenness, fined \$10, paid.
- 4 Drunkenness, fined \$15, paid.

- 2 Drunkenness, fined \$5, paid.
- 4 Drunkenness, released.
- 1 Drunkenness, 30 days in jail, suspended.
- 1 Drunkenness, 3 months in jail, committed.
- 1 Drunkenness, discharged.
- 1 Disturbance of the peace, fined \$25, paid.
- 1 Disturbance of the peace, fined \$10, paid.
- 1 Disturbance of the peace, 10 days in jail, committed.
- 1 Disturbance of the peace, guilty, filed.
- 1 Delinquent, probation.
- 1 Larceny, continued.
- 1 Larceny, discharged.
- 1 Malicious mischief, fined \$15, paid.
- 1 Non-support, 6 months in jail, appealed.
- 2 Non-support, discharged.
- 5 Present at unlawful game, fined \$5, paid.
- 1 Violation of liquor law, fined \$250.
- 3 Operating under the influence of liquor, 30 days in jail; sentence suspended.
- 1 Operating under the influence of liquor, 30 days in jail, appealed.
- 1 Operating under the influence of liquor, fined \$25 and 30 days in jail, sentence suspended.
- 2 Operating under the influence of liquor, discharged.
- 11 Driving on left of middle, fined \$5, paid.
- 1 Driving on left of middle, fined \$12, paid.
- 1 Driving on left of middle, fined \$15, appealed.
- 1 Driving on left of middle, discharged.
- 1 Exceeding speed limit, fined \$25.
- 1 Exceeding speed limit, fined \$15, appealed.
- 1 Exceeding speed limit, fined \$5, paid.
- 1 Exceeding speed limit, discharged.
- 1 Refusing to stop, fined \$10, paid.
- 1 Violation of 8 foot law, guilty, filed.
- 1 Operating without license, fined \$20, paid.
- 1 Operating without license, filed.
- 1 Operating without proper registration, fined \$25.
- 1 Operating without registration certificate, fined \$15, paid.

- 2 Operating without registration certificates, fined \$5, paid.
- 1 Operating without lights, fined \$5, paid.
- 1 Operating without lights, guilty, filed.
- 1 Allowing person to operate without authority, discharged.
- 1 License not endorsed, fined \$5, paid.
- 2 Licenses not endorsed, guilty, filed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

Chief of Police.

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### SEALER'S REPORT.

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To the Selectmen of Merrimac:

Gentlemen: I will now submit to you the following report on scales sealed during year 1921:

No. of scales sealed over 500 lbs. capacity,	2
No. of scales sealed over 100 lbs. capacity,	14
No. of small scales sealed,	37
Dry measures inspected,	105
Liquid measures inspected,	8
Gasoline pumps,	3
Oil and molasses pumps,	3
Fees collected and paid town treasurer,	\$16.03

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. SAWYER, Sealer.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Trustees of Kimball Park would submit the following report:

In our last report we stated that we had replanted one of the large beds, but unfortunately it was late in the season when this was done and many of the plants were killed by the cold weather. This will not cause any loss of money as Mr. Spinney will replace them this spring but we did not have them in bloom last year.

Through a misunderstanding the town has paid the balance of the bill which makes our report show a small overdraft, something which has never occurred before, but the bill is paid and the town will be reimbursed when we receive our April dividend from the Savings Bank.

Our income has been—

Balance on hand at beginning of year,	\$	3 55	
Income from trust funds,		45 66	
We have paid for care of park,	\$42 45		
We have paid bal. due Mr. Spinney,	17 30		
Overdrawn,		10 51	
	\$59 75		\$59 75

Respectfully submitted,

FRED B. FOLLANSBEE,  
 RICHARD A. SARGENT,  
 Trustees of Kimball Park



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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BIRTHS

Number of births returned,	39
Males,	17
Females,	22
Father native born,	33
Mother native born,	34
Father and mother both native born,	31
Father and mother both foreign born,	3
Mixed parentage,	5

## MARRIAGES

Number of marriages recorded,	13
First marriage of groom,	11
First marriage of bride,	12
Grooms native born,	13
Brides native born,	12
Grooms foreign born,	0
Brides foreign born,	1
Average age of groom,	28 yrs. 10 mos.
Average age of bride,	25 yrs. 9 mos.

## DEATHS

Number of deaths recorded,	33
Males,	17
Females,	16
Under five years,	6
Males native born,	14
Females native born,	16
Males foreign born,	3
Females foreign born,	0
Of native parentage,	24
Of foreign parentage,	6
Of mixed parentage,	3

Average age,	55 yrs. 10 mos. 23 days
Oldest person,	87 yrs. 3 mos. 11 days

## DOGS

Number of dogs licensed,	68
Males,	61
Females,	7
Breeder's licenses,	1

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Town Clerk.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

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To the Citizens of Merrimac:

We herewith present the forty-sixth annual report of the Merrimac Public Library.

A total of 11,200 books have been put in circulation during the year. The following are the monthly deliveries:

January,	900	July,	884
February,	885	August,	721
March,	1,129	September,	746
April,	1,015	October,	1,080
May,	804	November,	1,172
June,	736	December,	1,133
Total, 11,200			

In addition to above 165 books have been loaned to the Merrimacport Library Association.

Books added to the library during the year two hundred seventy-five volumes, as follows:

Purchased by trustees,	227
Bound magazines,	10
Gift from Commonwealth,	14
Gift from U. S. Government,	4
Gift from Miss Margaret Lee,	4
Gift from H. O. Delano,	3
Gift from Daniel M. Means,	2
Gift from Merton Cate,	2
Gift from Government of Venezuela,	1
Gift from Mass. Foreign Policy Asso.,	1
Gift from Studebaker Corporation,	1
Gift from F. L. Ballard,	1
Gift from American Library Asso.,	1
Gift from Jennie D. Scharneged,	1
Gift from Byron B. Johnson,	1

Gift from unknown,	2
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	275

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation, \$750 00

**Expenses.**

Paid	
Librarian,	\$243 75
Cleaning library,	4 00
Books,	335 37
Magazines,	40 50
Building,	43 73
Printing and supplies,	9 76
Heating,	50 00
Postage, express, improvements, etc.	15 93
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	\$743 04
Unexpended balance,	6 96
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	\$750 00

Cash for fines and cards amounting to \$41.81 paid to Town Treasurer.

## FUNDS FROM WHICH INCOME IS DERIVED

James Whittier Fund, with interest to Oct. 1920,	\$462 20
A. E. Goodwin Fund, with interest to Oct. 1920,	320 70
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	\$782 90

A year ago your trustees recommended an appropriation of \$750.00 being an increase of \$250.00 over the previous year, in order that we could purchase new, popular and standard books to keep the library up to date with such material available to our townspeople. The recommendation you wisely adopted, and made the appropriation.\* The following table shows a remarkable increase in circulation as the result: Circulation 1918, 6,838; circulation 1919, 7,437; circulation 1920, 8,689; circulation 1921, 11,200.



We therefore recommend the same amount, \$750.00, as the appropriation by the town for the coming year. The public library has often been termed "the people's college" and to American system of public libraries has been credited much of the great development of our country in their providing opportunities for youth, manhood and womanhood to participate successfully in the walks of daily life, with the advantages that acquired knowledge brings. As your trustees we are proud of the Merrimac Public Library as a rich storehouse of knowledge equal to any that a town of equal circumstances possesses.

The large increase of last year in circulation evidences your appreciation of that fact.

We said in our report last year: "It is yours to maintain and protect." By your vote and direction we seek to accomplish the highest standards of library development, which will year by year continue the good service that the library is doing for us all as citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,  
FRANK E. WALKER,  
MRS. LAURA R. JEWELL,  
HERBERT O. DELANO,

Trustees.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

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Gentlemen: In presenting our annual report, we wish to say that, by comparison, we believe our cemeteries rank rather higher than many towns of this size and in fact many towns of even larger population.

This condition is due largely to the interest of owners of lots, more especially to those owners, who, looking to the future have deposited funds for the perpetual care of their last resting place.

At this time there are on deposit in the Merrimac Savings Bank funds for the care of 71 lots, or about 10 per cent. of the total number now sold.

We believe we can not too strongly urge upon those who are able to do so this method of insuring the care of their lots: for one hundred years hence they will still be cared for as now.

Under the law no one can draw the principal of these funds and the interest is available forever.

The subject of our fences will be brought up at our annual meeting.

### Financial Report of Locust Grove Cemetery

Contingent Fund, Merrimac Savings Bank:

On hand Dec. 31, 1920,	\$287 12
Interest 1921,	13 05
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On hand Dec. 31, 1921,	\$300 17
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General Fund:

On hand Dec. 31, 1920,	\$98 16
Received sale of lots,	160 00
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Total,	\$258 16
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## Expended:

C. B. Dolge Co., weed killer,	\$62 10	
Payroll,	75 10	
Total,	<hr/>	\$137 20
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Balance Dec. 31, 1921,		\$120 96

HOMER R. SARGENT,  
CLARENCE O. LIBBEY,  
R. A. SARGENT,  
Trustees of Cemeteries..

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their eighteenth annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1921.

Eight new services have been added during the year, this brings the total to 605. There are thirty-eight services not in use, or one less than December 31, 1920. We have also installed one 6-inch sprinkler service.

At the annual meeting of 1920 we were authorized to install a new boiler or an electric pump. We decided to install a new boiler as one boiler had been condemned and the other one of the same age could not last much longer, and expert pump men tell us that we can pump cheaper by steam than we can by electricity at the price we are paying at the present time.

The new boiler is standard size viz., 72 inches x 8 feet 6 inches built for 125 pounds pressure with 140 charcoal iron tubes; it will cost \$2,825.00 all complete except piping.

Repair bills have been heavy the past year owing to an accident to the large pump calling for a new water cylinder with valve seats and bushing studs.

### ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Gross expense of operating,	\$7,115 00
Bond payment,	3,500 00
Note payment,	350 00
Interest payment,	1,683 50
Construction,	150 00
	————— \$12,798 50

### Income

Water rates,	\$6,650 00
Rent and engineer,	350 00
Water in town buildings,	100 00



Hydrant service,	2,370 00	
Maintenance,	2,067 99	
Cash on hand,	1,260 51	
	<hr/>	\$12,798 50

We recommend that the town appropriate:

For water in town buildings,	\$100 00	
For construction,	150 00	
For hydrant service,	2,370 00	
For maintenance,	2,067 99	
	<hr/>	\$4,687 99

### CONSTRUCTION

#### Receipts

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Pipe laying, etc.,	384 09	
Light Dept., team and labor,	757 78	
Sale of material,	37 75	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1921,	44 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,323 79

#### Expended

Supplies, team and labor,	\$1,278 21	
Balance unexpended,	45 58	
	<hr/>	\$1,323 79

#### Maintenance

Miscellaneous and repairs,	\$3,023 68	
Oil and waste,	94 27	
Salary of Commissioners,	75 00	
Salary of superintendent,	799 76	
Salary of collector,	349 92	
Fuel,	2,770 09	
Station wages,	1,040 00	
Office expense,	483 28	
Bonds,	3,500 00	
Notes,	350 00	
Interest,	1,750 00	
Insurance,	99 37	
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Total expended,		\$15,613 58

## MONTHLY REPORT OF PUMPING STATION

	Gals. Pumped	Hrs.	Mins.
January,	2,988,000	149	30
February,	3,312,000	141	40
March,	3,384,000	153	10
April,	3,144,000	141	35
May,	3,552,000	149	55
June,	4,944,000	212	10
July,	5,136,000	186	05
August,	2,980,800	166	05
September,	3,856,800	148	45
October,	3,636,000	132	30
November,	5,443,200	151	30
December,	3,874,800	160	30

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46,251,600

Greatest amount pumped in one day, 288,000

Greatest amount pumped in one week, 1,548,000

## COST OF CONSTRUCTION

Pumping station,	\$6,631 74
Boilers,	3,473 70
Pumps,	5,889 06
Coal shed,	339 60
Road to station,	272 00
Suction pipe,	2,369 86
Pipe line,	27,983 98
Pipe laying,	14,188 49
Clearing land,	620 08
Stand pipe,	6,165 21
Investigating committee,	2,344 12
Engineering,	3,097 22
Freight and express,	245 99
Miscellaneous,	971 98
Salaries,	1,500 00
Land,	3,475 34
Service pipe,	8,936 73
Reservoir at station,	137 99
Meters,	3,242 82
	<hr/> \$91,885 91

## BALANCE SHEET

**On Hand and Received**

Appropriation, water in town	
buildings,	\$100 00
Appropriation, hydrant service,	2,370 00
Appropriation, maintenance,	2,149 64
Appropriation, construction,	100 00
Water rates,	6,914 73
Repairs to service pipe,	77 10
Laying pipe and supplies,	384 09
Miscellaneous,	30 60
Light Dept., office expense,	175 64
Light Dept., station wages,	200 00
Light Dept., rent of station,	150 00
Light Dept., team and labor,	757 78
From reserve fund,	1,649 15
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1921,	1,815 36
	————— \$16,874 09

**Expended and on Hand**

For construction and Light Dept.,	
team and labor,	\$1,278 21
For maintenance,	14,335 37
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1922,	1,260 51
	————— \$16,874 09

WILLIS H. SCOTT,  
WARREN A. BAILEY,  
GEORGE T. WALKER,

Board of Water Commissioners.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS      State Department of Health  
 Subject to Correction      Merrimac Water Analysis (parts in 100,000)

Number	DATE OF Collection	APPEARANCE			Residue on Evaporation.	AMMONIA		Chlorine	Nitrogen As		Hardness	Iron	Remarks
		Turbidity	Sediment	Color		Free	Albu- minoid		Nitrates	Nitrites			
159923	Sept. 1921	none	none	.00	7.10	.0062	.0008	.54	.0400	.0000	3.6	.002	Wells, tap
158746	July 1921	none	v slight	.60	7.70	.0060	.0020	.58	.0180	.0000	3.4	.017	Merrimac Wells, tap
156912	Mar. 1921	none	v slight	.00	8.20	.0004	.0026	.52	.0220	.0000	3.4	.015	Wells
157715	May 1921	none	none	.00	8.90	.0004	.0014	.51	.0170	.0000	3.1	.005	Wells, tap



## ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

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The Municipal Light Board herein submit their eighteenth annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1921.

We have added fifty-one new lighting services during the year and two power services; this exceeds the record of last year by sixteen lighting services; and there were in use three hundred and ten services using light only and eighteen services using both power and light, town buildings not included.

The new contract with the Amesbury Electric Light Company went into effect July 1, 1921. Without the coal clause the price is as follows: For the first 10,000 K. W. H. per month 4.45c, all over 10,000 K. W. H. per month 2.60c per K. W. H. with a discount of one mill per K. W. H. if paid by the 15th.

300,000 K. W. H. per year at this price will cost \$9,720.00, 300,000 K. W. H. per year at the old price would cost \$6,445.00; this is an increase of \$3,275.00. We have made no increase in price since December 1, 1920 when we made an increase of about 10%. This seems to have been ample with business conditions as good as they have been the past year, but we can judge better at the end of the contract year, as the first six months of the fiscal year were the last six months of the old contract year when we were buying on a sliding scale at a much lower price.

In compliance with the law the manager has furnished the board with the following estimates of expense and income for the ensuing year:

### EXPENSE

Gross expense of operating,	\$13,020 00
Interest,	100 00

Depreciation, 3% on \$41,434.08,	1,243 02	
Bond payment,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,863 02

## INCOME

From private consumers,	\$12,100 00	
Cost as defined in Chapter 77, General Acts of 1918:		
Of lighting municipal buildings,	408 24	
Of lighting streets,	2,354 78	
	<hr/>	\$14,863 02
To be included in the tax levy,	\$2,763 02	

## EXPENDED FOR

## Construction

Street lines,	\$1,023 43	
Transformers,	342 05	
Meters,	835 04	
	<hr/>	\$2,200 52

## Renewals

Street lines,	1,386 95
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## Maintenance

Current purchased,	\$8,140 89	
Station wages,	200 00	
Repairs of lines, etc.,	439 36	
Fixtures, lamps, etc.,	2,318 05	
Salaries of commissioners,	75 00	
Salary of manager,	999 96	
Salary of collector,	499 92	
Interest,	120 00	
Office expense,	380 45	
Insurance,	99 36	
Rent of station,	150 00	
State assessment,	8 40	
Bond payment,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,931 39

Total expended,	<hr/>	\$17,518 86
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## COST OF CONSTRUCTION TO JANUARY 1, 1922.

Steam plant,	\$3,985 39
Electric plant,	4,481 01
Street lines,	22,300 53
Transformers,	5,850 22
Meters,	4,816 93
	————— \$41,434 08

## BALANCE SHEET

**On Hand and Received**

Construction fund, Jan. 1, 1921,	\$3,407 49
Depreciation fund, Jan. 1, 1921,	1,358 24
Reserve fund, Jan. 1, 1921,	1,744 18
Sale of power and light,	14,490 46
Lighting town buildings,	300 00
Lighting streets,	2,507 00
Miscellaneous,	540 28
Sale of fixtures, lamps, etc.,	2,330 01
Interest on depreciation fund,	27 07
Interest on reserve fund,	79 36
	————— \$26,784 09

**Expended and on Hand**

Construction,	\$2,200 52
Renewals,	1,386 95
Maintenance,	13,931 39
Construction fund,	6,266 33
Depreciation fund,	1,175 36
Reserve fund,	1,823 54
	————— \$26,784 09

WILLIS H. SCOTT,  
 WARREN A. BAILEY,  
 GEORGE T. WALKER,  
 Municipal Light Board.

**1921 JURY LIST.**

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As prepared by the Selectmen of Merrimac in compliance with Chap. 234, Sec. 4, of the General Laws.

Charles F. Eastman, Merrimac Street, musician.  
Herbert O. Delano, Main Street, retired.  
Joseph Hosford, Locust Street, painter.  
Albert E. Ellis, Prospect Hill, auto worker.  
Henry P. Davis, Church Street, metal worker.  
Everett D. George, Church Street, manufacturer.  
John F. Bartlett, Pine Street, real estate.  
Charles H. Staples, School Street, clerk.  
Isaac A. Williams, Merrimac Street, woodworker.  
Ralph H. Sargent, Main Street, farmer.  
Frank B. Clement, Forest Street, draftsman.  
Willis P. Whittemore, Merrimac Street, retired.  
James F. Pease, Church Street, auto painting.  
Jacob T. Crosby, Main Street, farmer.  
Clarence O. Libby, Adams Street, carpenter.  
Charles A. Noyes, Main Street, retired.  
Fred B. Follansbee, Main Street, painter.  
Frank E. Bartlett, Main Street, real estate.  
Edwin S. McKay, Nichols Street, carpenter.  
Harry E. Dixon, Bear Hill Street, clerk.  
Frank C. Williams, Lincoln Street, blacksmith.  
Herbert C. McIlvin, Main Street, woodworker.  
S. Bixby Sargent, Merrimac Street farmer.  
David L. Aiken, High Street, farmer.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31,  
1921

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 23, 1922.

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The School Committee respectfully submits the following report:

At the first meeting following the qualification of the newly elected member, Mr. Willard T. Kelly, the Committee perfected the following organization:

F. Leslie Viccaro, Chairman.

Willard T. Kelly, Secretary and Purchasing Agent.

A continuation of the school nurse service inaugurated last year has been made, and for this purpose the Committee has engaged Miss Marion Manague, the local Red Cross public health nurse. The results obtained are highly satisfactory, and it may be noted that it is now compulsory for every city and town to maintain this important service in the public schools.

By reason of the increased appropriation, the Committee was successful in retaining for the present school year, the services of seven of the thirteen teachers who were employed during the preceding year. In addition to this with one exception all of the successors of the teachers who did not return have had previous experience. As a result, the Committee feels that the schools are today in a much more satisfactory condition than they have been for some time past, although there is still considerable to be desired in this respect. As in any business or profession, the quality of service obtained is largely governed by the amount of funds available to procure it, and we can hope to improve the standard of education only through an increased appropriation.

The unexpended balance of \$1671.26 for the year just passed is accounted for by the fact that in view of the prevailing high rates of interest which the town would

have been obliged to pay on this amount, as well as the current prices of textbooks, school supplies and fuel, the Committee believed it advisable to await an anticipated drop in these prices and refrained from purchasing the usual amount of supplies, etc. It follows that in pursuance of this policy of buying only as occasion required we have not secured the amount of supplies necessary for the remainder of the school year and which under ordinary circumstances we should now have on hand; but that such a course was justified is evident from the very material reductions which have been made in several items since the beginning of the year 1922. In this connection attention is also called to the fact that the increased salary schedule for teachers and the marked increased cost of transportation did not become effective until the opening of the fall term in September, and hence these two additional, substantial items as yet have been paid but four of the ten months in the school calendar; the difference arising from the fact that the fiscal year of the town ends December 31st, whereas that of the School Committee ends the following March.

It will be noted that while an appropriation of \$500 in excess of that of last year is requested, the total estimated refund from the State more than exceeds this sum.

During the past several years so few students at the High School have expressed a desire to take a course in Chemistry that the subject has not been taught alternately with Physics as formerly, but the Principal reports that approximately twenty pupils have signified their intention of studying the subject next Fall. This will doubtlessly prove the largest class in some years, and in order to provide the additional facilities for experimental work for so large a number, a considerable expenditure must be made for this purpose.

In agreement with the suggestion contained in last year's report by Principal Tabor, the Committee is of the opinion that the High School students should be provided with an athletic field and while we believe that the present is an inopportune time in which to request an appropri-



ation for this purpose, we feel that a long stride toward its accomplishment may be made if all citizens who have ashes or refuse of an unobjectionable nature would arrange to have them transported to the field west of the High School Building which the town owns, to be used as filling.

F. LESLIE VICCARO.

F. E. SWEETSIR, M. D.

WILLARD T. KELLY

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### High School and Grade Eight

1922

Winter Term—January 3d to March 24th, 12 weeks.

Spring Term—April 3d to June 23d, 12 weeks.

Fall Term—Sept. 5th to Dec. 22d, 16 weeks.

1923

Winter Term—January 2d to March 23d, 12 weeks.

### Grades One to Seven

1922

Winter Term—January 3d to February 24th, 8 weeks

Spring Term—March 6th to April 28th, 8 weeks.

Summer Term—May 8th to June 23d, 7 weeks.

Fall Term—September 5th to December 22d, 16 weeks.

1923

Winter Term—January 2d to March 23d, 12 weeks.

## RECEIPTS FOR 1921.

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Total of town's appropriation at the annual meeting, \$23,500 00

### CREDIT RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS, 1921.

State School Fund, Part 1,	\$2,273 27
State School Fund, Part 2,	1,965 00
State tuition and trans. of wards,	747 25
State on account Supt. of Schools,	450 00
Oscar T. Gove, rebate,	2 00
H. N. Knox, sale of supplies,	5 30
Geo. L. Aldrich, for sale of grass,	1 00
F. M. Gill, sale old typewriters,	31 00
County dog tax,	91 20
Bal. unexpended to town treasury,	1,671 26
Total credits,	\$7,237 28

Balance, net cost to town for 1921, \$16,262 72

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## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES, 1921.

### GENERAL CONTROL.

School Committee, salary of Superintendent of Schools, expenses, and enforcement of laws,	\$909 95
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### COST OF INSTRUCTION.

Special teachers,	\$472 50
High school teachers,	5,179 00
Elementary teachers,	8,355 64
High school books,	149 85
Elementary books,	348 58
High school supplies,	341 96
Elementary supplies,	485 74
	15,333 27

## COST OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

High school janitor,	\$367 50	
Elementary janitor,	577 50	
High school fuel,	675 61	
Elementary fuel,	912 67	
High school janitor's supplies,	79 62	
Elementary janitor's supplies,	128 08	
	<hr/>	2,740 98

## REPAIRS.

High school,	\$188 29	
Elementary schools,	217 32	
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Health,		142 00
Transportation,		1,769 00
Tuition,		125 00
High school sundries,	\$10 30	
Elementary sundries,	43 13	
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New equipment,		349 50
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Total expense,		\$21,828 74

## SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL, JANUARY, 1922.

Herman N. Knox, superintendent,	\$26 04
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## HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A. W. Taber, principal,	\$95 00	
Alice V. LaRocque,	60 00	
Elinor F. Leahy,	55 00	
Eleanor Durkee,	50 00	
	<hr/>	260 00

## GRADE TEACHERS.

Pearl C. Van Houten, Grade 8,	\$50 00
Elizabeth Collins, Grade 7,	47 50
Ella Willis, Grade 6,	47 50
Sarah Titcomb, Grade 5,	47 50



Ruth Furlong, Grade 4,	42 50	
Ethel Davis, Grade 3,	47 50	
Clara Twombly, Grade 2,	47 50	
Katherine Collins, Grade 1,	45 00	
Annie Sargent, Port,	47 50	
	<hr/>	422 50

## SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Alice Genthner, Music,	\$10 00	
Grace Robbins, Drawing,	12 50	
Marion Manague, Nurse,	12 50	
	<hr/>	35 00

## JANITORS.

Kate Trefethen, High School,	\$17 50	
R. H. Sargent, Center School,	17 50	
R. H. Sargent, Prospect School,	5 00	
J. Coleman, Port,	5 00	
	<hr/>	45 00

## TRANSPORTATION.

G. G. Davis,	\$80 00	
R. H. Sargent,	20 00	
	<hr/>	100 00
Total,		888 54
Total of twenty payrolls,		\$17,770 08

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ESTIMATES FOR 1922.

## GENERAL CONTROL.

School Committee, salaries,	\$175 00	
School Committee, expenses,	25 00	
Superintendent, salary,	625 00	
Superintendent, expenses,	125 00	
Enforcement of law and supplies,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

## SALARIES.

High school,	\$5,500 00	
Grade and specials,	9,250 00	
	<hr/>	14,750 00

Books and supplies,	1,200 00	
Extra supplies for chemistry,	500 00	
	<hr/>	1,700 00

## CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Janitors' salaries,	\$900 00	
Fuel,	1,600 00	
Janitors' supplies and cleaning,	300 00	
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Repairs,		800 00
Transportation,		2,100 00
Health,		300 00
Sundries,		50 00
New equipment,		500 00
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Total,		\$24,000 00

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

State School Fund, Part 2,	\$2,716 85	
State School Fund, Part 1,	2,320 00	
State grant for superintendent,	483 33	
State tuition of State wards,	500 00	
Dog tax and miscellaneous,	104 82	
Total,	<hr/>	\$6,125 00
Estimated balance to be raised by town taxes,		17,875 00
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Total,		\$24,000 00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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To the School Committee of Merrimac:

Gentlemen:—It gives me pleasure to present a brief annual report as superintendent of your schools. This is the third of such reports from me in the time that I have served as superintendent of your schools. The first was made within a few months of the beginning of my work with your town.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The discipline and attendance in our schools have improved materially in the past two years although there is still room for more improvement. For the school years 1919-1920 and 1920-1921, it has been possible to keep the schools open for the full time planned in the calendar. This is helpful in trying to improve conditions brought about in part by the enforced breaks for the three or four years preceding 1919. In the school year 1919-1920, three regular teachers and the special teacher of drawing changed during the year and then six more left at the end of the year. During the past school year seven regular teachers and the special teacher of drawing left our service, however there was only one change in term time. A change in the long vacation is much less liable to injure the progress of a school than it is when the change occurs in the middle of the year. We have not only gained in this respect but also in the total number of changes as there has been only 54 per cent. against 69 per cent. of changes in regular full time teachers for the preceding school year. The situation as related to experience of the new teachers is very much in favor the past year's list. This year five have had experience as regular teachers and only two were without previous experience. This year's new teacher of drawing had had a year's experience. Last year only one teacher had had a



year's experience and the high school principal five years' experience, all other new teachers in 1919-1920 were beginners. The names of the teachers resigning and the appointments to fill the vacancies are given in the following table.

### CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Resignations	School	Appointments
Margaret Lee	High School	Alice V. LaRocque
Mary Kauffmann	High School	Elinor F. Leahy
Rachel Muffin	Grade 8	Mrs. P. C. Van Houten
Maude T. Bushee	Grade 7	Elizabeth Collins
Esther N. Kimball	Grade 5	Sarah B. Titcomb
Helen O. Kennett	Grade 2	Mrs. Clara Twombly
Anne E. Friend	Grade 1	Katherine Collins
Ann Louise Davis	Drawing	Grace A. Robbins

### ATTENDANCE.

The attendance data tables for the school years ending respectively in June 1920 and in June 1921 show some hopeful and encouraging facts. The total membership for the past school year was 399, a gain of 14 while the average attendance was 335 a gain of 41 over the previous year. The per cent. of attendance was 93.1 to 89.4 for the previous year. There also has been a gain in number of pupils' names on the honor and commendable attendance lists. The past year the honor list was 4.7 per cent. and the commendable 20.8 per cent. of the average membership against 3 per cent. and 14 per cent. respectively for the preceding school year. These figures however ought to be doubled to indicate a reasonably satisfactory condition of school attendance. The days of absence for the last school year totaled 4,423½, or enough to form a school of 25 pupils daily for the year. According to the estimates of the best experts, the future financial loss to these young people amounts to more than \$44,000, or a sum more than twice what the town spent on all its schools.

According to the last census the population of Mer-



rimac is 2,173. Therefore we ought to have at least 435 pupils enrolled in our public schools, or one-fifth of the population. From such an enrollment we reasonably could expect an average membership of 400 or over. Our valuation last April was \$1,778,110 which divided by 400 would give a valuation per pupil of only \$4,445. This would entitle the town to supplementary state aid of \$100 for each regular teacher or \$1,300. In other words the indifference of some of our young people towards the educational opportunities of our school is not only reducing their future earning capacity by many thousands of dollars but is also annually subjecting the taxpayers of the town to a loss of \$1,300.

#### GENERAL SCHOOL FUND.

The last year's session of the legislature amended this law, making changes on the whole to the advantage of the small towns. A minimum salary of \$750 is now fixed by law. The graded schedule was raised to \$750, \$850 and \$950 on which the reimbursements from the state for properly qualified teachers are \$100, \$150 and \$200 respectively. The following table shows how this law has helped the town since its passage by the legislature of 1919:

Year	Part I	Part II	Total
1919	\$ 555.00	0*	\$ 555.00
1920	\$1,648.75	\$2,094.10	\$3,742.85
1921	\$1,965.00	\$2,273.27	\$4,238.27
1922	\$2,320.00	\$2,716.85	\$5,036.85

\* Part II in a sense continues the old state school fund of which the last payment made in 1919 was \$815.30. The figures in table above for 1922 are estimates.

#### STATE WARDS.

The law has been changed finally in the matter of the tuition and transportation of state wards so that the actual expenses will be returned to the town instead of a fixed rate of 75 cents per week for tuition. The time of settlement has been moved forward to July 1st from

April 1st. Hence our next claim will cover the period from April 1st, 1921 to July 1st, 1922.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

The situation here has been improved materially since last year in regard to salaries of teachers. In January of last year the average salary of assistants in the High School was \$53 below that in any other high school in the state. While we have increased our average by \$253 since then, yet last January there were 196 out of the 221 high schools of the state in which the women teachers were then paid as high or a higher average salary than we are now paying. So that the probabilities are that we are among the lowest twenty towns of the state in average salary paid to high school women teachers.

The removal of the eighth grade from the high school building is one of two things most needed to put our high school on a good working basis. In two former reports I have suggested this. Specifically in a previous report I have mentioned the commercial department, and now with the prospect of a large class next year which ought to have a suitable course in chemistry a bad situation exists in regard to the science work. We have been for several years alternating in teaching of several subjects. Among these physics and chemistry were included. A year ago last September physics was substituted for chemistry because of a preference of the larger number of pupils.

However I believe that a gain has been made in the efficiency of our high school. As one indication of this, the following is of interest: For the school year 1919-1920 there were 2,180 days of absence in an average membership of 94 in eighth grade and high school while in 1920-1921 there were only 1,422 days of absence from an average membership of 102 in the same grades.

### GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT.

Our low salaries have brought about in the past four or five years especially a constant succession of teachers mostly without experience and some times without suf-

ficient education and training for upper grade work. The salaries for these two grades ought to be made higher so that we might have less frequent changes and less practice teaching in these grades.

### SCHOOL NURSE.

The law now requires us to have a school nurse. We are fortunate to have an experienced public health nurse located in town whom we can employ on part time. Miss Moody whom we employed last year with other towns did excellent work with the children. Miss Manague, located in town in the employ of the local Red Cross as a public health nurse, promises to continue this important work in a most efficient manner. She finds as did Miss Moody a large percentage of children who are more or less under weight.

### MUSIC.

Miss Alice M. Genthuer for several years has continued for an extremely low salary to render us most excellent music as supervisor of music. From her report to me let me quote the following: "We are giving more attention to individual and group singing this year, that the pupils may gain the self-confidence to express themselves in the language of music."

The two-part and three-part work in the upper grades shows a marked improvement over the past two years, which fact would indicate that the technical training in the lower grades has been efficient.

The high school chorus is working with good spirit, gaining in volume of tone and ability to interpret. A new collection of songs has added to the interest of the pupils and with the kind assistance of Miss LaRocque, we should accomplish much before the year's end.

A musical program by the grades was given before the Parent-Teachers' Association last spring and, as usual, each grade furnished a musical number for the Memorial Day exercises.

The interest of the pupils and the splendid co-operation of the teachers are all that could be desired. I



wish to thank the teachers, superintendent and committee for their helpful attitude in the work.

### DRAWING.

Drawing was made a required subject to be taught in the public schools of this state about fifty years ago. Last year we had a special teacher of drawing Miss Ann L. Davis, graduate of Massachusetts Normal Art School in 1920. She worked with us one year on part time at the rate of \$1,000 per year until June 1921 when she resigned to become supervisor of drawing at Palmer at \$1,500 per year.

To continue her work we were very fortunate to secure Miss Grace Robbins of Bradford, Mass., a graduate of Massachusetts Normal Art in 1920 who had had a year's experience as assistant supervisor in Lynn where she took the place of a teacher on leave of absence. We pay her for one day a week \$250. Her combined salary in all the towns she has is \$1,350. She is the most successful and original teacher of drawing that we have had for a number of years.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the faithful work of our teachers and other employees of the school department and of the co-operation and support of the school committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN N. KNOX,

Superintendent of Schools.



## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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Merrimac, Mass., January, 1922.

To Mr. H. N. Knox, Superintendent, and the members of the School Board.

Dear Sirs: My report of the Merrimac High School is as follows:

The membership of the school in September, 1920, was:

8th Grade	49	
Freshmen	26	making a total of
Sophomores	17	60 in the High School
Juniors	9	49 in the 8th
Seniors	8	<u>109</u> in the building

The membership of the school in September, 1921, was:

8th Grade	31	
Freshmen	36	making a total of
Sophomores	21	80 in the High School
Juniors	17	31 in the 8th
Seniors	6	<u>111</u> in the building

These figures show an increase of only two in the building, but an increase of 20 in the high school, which is an encouraging sign. If a similar increase occurs next September, as is now apparent, more room than the present situation allows, would be more satisfactory.

Of the 1921 class, 71.4 per cent. have continued their education in various colleges. This is an increase of about 13 per cent. over the 1920 class and an advance of about 35 per cent. to 40 per cent. in the last two years.

Although the attendance for the fall term is over 95 per cent., there is plenty of room for improvement. I wish that the parents and townspeople would realize that regular attendance means a vast improvement in scholarly attainment, and, therefore, would cooperate to

the best of their ability. We desire to have our high school the best in the state.

The following activities have been carried on during the past year: Orchestra, debating club, publication of a school paper, and a Senior play.

The high school is in Class A, approved by the State Board of Education: and our certificate is accepted by the colleges of the New England Entrance Certificate Board.

I believe that the teaching force is stronger and better than the previous year, and because of that our high school is much better than it was a year ago. When we have good teachers, it is essential that they be retained in order to keep up the standard of the school.

If chemistry is to be taught next year, and that is the year for it, it seems to me that there ought to be considerable renovating done to our present laboratory. Upon inquiry, twenty pupils have expressed their intention of electing chemistry for next year. The laboratory needs at least five more sinks with corresponding table room to accommodate a class of that size. From a study of the latest catalogs, I find that the cost for material, apparatus, supplies, etc., will amount to about \$500 (supplies for ten pupils, i. e., by having two students work together). The cost of material on hand will not amount to more than \$100, making a total cost of \$400.

A change in the laboratory for chemistry will mean the procuring of another room to be used as the typewriting room; which leads to a question of the value of our commercial department. A few more typewriters should be obtained to produce the results we ought to be getting in that branch of the work. A good duplicator or mimeograph would be an excellent office appliance for our commercial students to understand.

I realize the handicapped circumstances under which you gentlemen are working, but I hope that you may see your way clear to do as much as possible in the way of the foregoing improvements, which are only actual necessities.

Again, I wish to thank the superintendent and the members of the School Board for their strong backing and cooperation in carrying on the school work.

Respectfully submitted,

AUBREY W. TABOR,

Principal of the High School.

## ATTENDANCE DATA—YEAR 1920-1921.

Schools	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent. Attendance	Days Absence
High School .....	60	55.3	52.4	94.7	546
Grade 8 .....	49	46.7	41.4	88.7	876
Grade 7 .....	36	31.7	30.0	94.5	311
Grade 6 .....	32	28.9	26.9	92.8	358
Grade 5 .....	48	44.7	42.0	93.8	498
Grade 4 .....	37	32.9	31.2	94.9	349½
Grade 3 .....	38	33.2	31.1	93.9	387
Grade 2 .....	38	30.8	28.2	91.5	461½
Grade 1 .....	35	33.0	30.0	91.0	463
Port .....	26	22.8	21.8	95.6	173½
Totals 1920-1921 .....	399	360.0	335.0	93.1	4423½
Totals year 1919-1920 ..	385	329.3	294.3	89.4	7308
Gain .....	14	30.7	40.7	3.7	2884½



**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1921.**

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Ruth Katherine Crouse	Ruth Alexandra MacDougall
Ada Frances Davis	Zilphie Marston Smith
Agnes May Haskell	Carrie Ames Spencer
Benjamin Brown Bailey	

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**HONOR LIST.****Pupils Not Absent for the School Year 1920-1921.**

A. Frances Davis	Doris MacGarvey
Helen E. Clark	Pauline Brown
Frederick Marning	Henry Ellis
Pearl E. Bishop	Gerard Clement
Mathew Bailey	Hortense Bunker
Elsie Kierstead	Dona Hall
Helen Hammond	Lawrence Colman
Louise Tucker	Olga Tankuns
Charles L. Whitcomb	

### COMMENDABLE ATTENDANCE LIST.

Pupils Not Absent Over Five Days for School Year,  
1920-1921.

#### High School

Ruth K. Crouse	M. Esther Morrison
Marion A. Dickey	Velma G. Palmer
Grace L. Earl	Ella G. Porter
Marion E. Flanders	Lucy M. Stanton
Marion B. Heath	Ruth C. Tuckwell
Minnie H. Horsford	Muriel Wallace
Marjorie Jewell	Merle H. Lamb
Mary E. Kourian	Norman G. Paine
Mae L. Lord	Walter H. Sargent

#### Grade 8

Jeanette M. Adams	Warren F. Heath
Merrill Follansbee	Evelyn E. Kierstead
Velma Gibbs	Margaret A. Sullivan
Fred H. Hargraves	Lona A. C. Tankuns

Lila M. Woodbury

#### Grade 6

Enola Stanton	Stacy Ellis
Pearl Smith	Albert Lord

#### Grade 7

Walker Colman	Priscilla Donovan
Walker Crowell	Hazel Jenness
Robert Gillen	Doris Ordway
Merrill Goldsmith	Dorothy Wright

#### Grade 5

Jamie Clement	Edmund Staples
May Hammond	Ruth Odiorne
Edith Kierstead	Evelyn Pettegrew
Brooks Gilmore	Beatrice Smith
Allen Manning	Frederick Sweetsir

Ellsworth Tucker

## Grade 4

Theron Condon	Chester Howieson
Antonia Godin	Sherman McCutcheon
Normand Gregoire	Lois Schultz
Theresa Sloban	

## Grade 3

Frank Arthur	Edith Crofut
Arthur Carroll	Helen Franklin
Paul Schultz	Frances Gilmore
May Shackleton	

## Grade 2

Harriet Laskey	George Sutherland
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## Grade 1

Elden Kingsbury	Francis Sloban
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## Port

Andrew Mader	Dorothy R. Eastman
G. Roy Sande	Dorothy Larioes
Henry B. Whitcomb	Rose Mader
Nordis M. A. Sande	











